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SIR:

Responsive to office letter dated September 8, 2004, kindly amend as  
follows:

Cancel claims 1, 2 and 3, substituting newly presented claims 5, 6, and 7.

REMARKS

Examiner has made no comment with respect to the acceptability of the  
drawings. Applicant will want the opportunity to submit formal drawings upon a finding  
of allowable subject matter.

Relative to the merits of the application, Examiner has rejected claims 1 to  
3, inclusive, under Section 102(b) as being anticipated by Throop, U.S. 1,878,026.  
Examiner has stated that Throop discloses a device comprising: a hollow elongated  
flexible body forming a cavity (Figures 1 and 2), said body having an end portion  
thereof forming an opened neck portion (29), a hollow tube interconnected to said neck  
having a selectively sealed terminal; said tube extending laterally of said neck, whereby